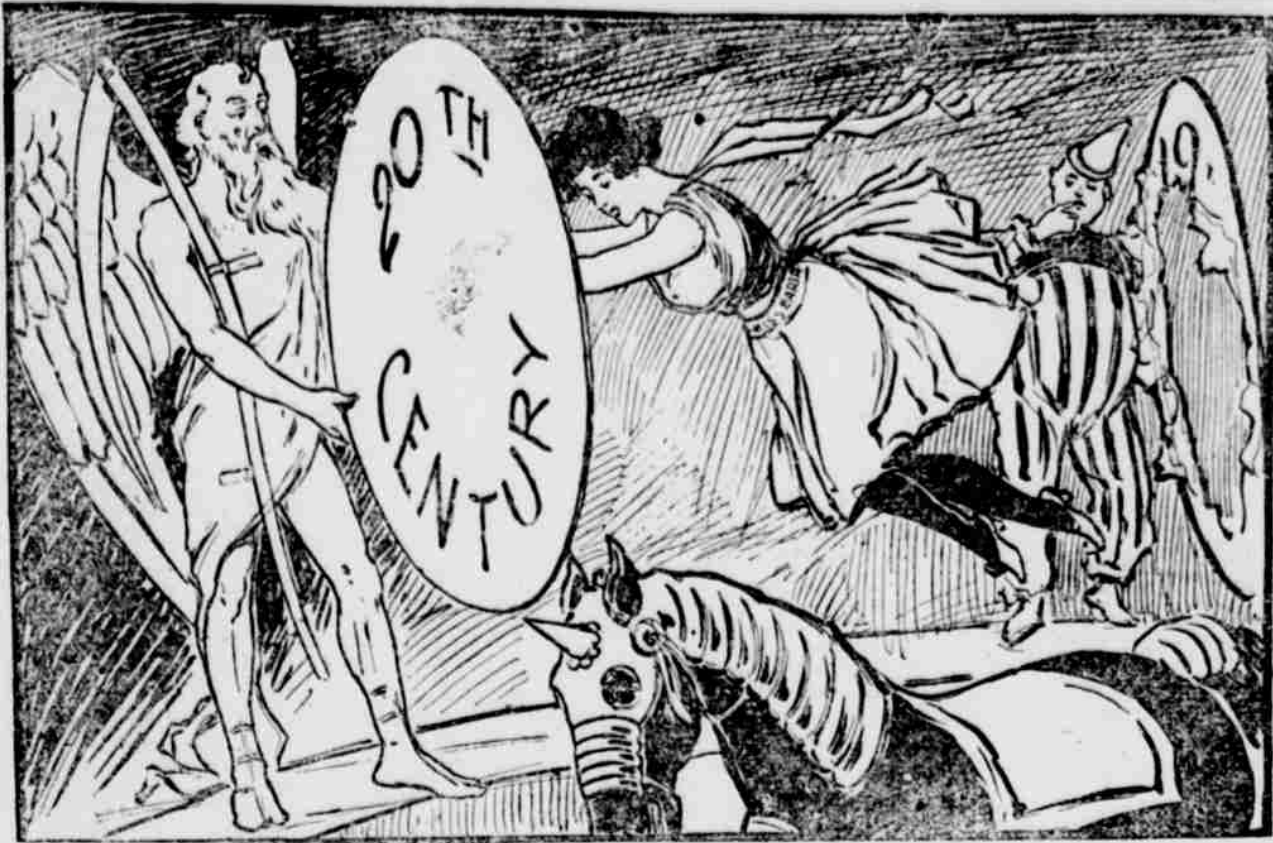


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SCHULZHEIN, GROCER

WHY HIS NEW YEAR WAS A HAPPY ONE

By Ethel Maud Colson.

THE old-time "corner grocery" is by no means extinct, even in the great cities. Schulzheim's grocery, on the corner of South Halsted street, Chicago, and one of the little dark alleys which lead out of this thoroughfare, is a typical "Dutch grocery" of the kind seldom seen nowadays. Schulzheim himself is a stout and kindly old German who says little, but sells groceries cheaper than anyone else in Chicago. He has been doing this so long that the low prices have ceased to astonish anyone, but the residents of the social settlement near by.

"What is the social philosophy underlying your 'cut rates,' Mr. Schulzheim?" one of the residents asked him, half humorously, on the last day of 1899. Mr. Schulzheim did not receive the query in quite the spirit she had expected.

"I haf no philosophy," he said, quietly, "but I believe some things, and I know some things. They are poor people who live here, and dey cannot pay much. I haf nobody but mine own self to take care of, and I need not large profits. Dere you haf der whole case in von word."

"Have you always been alone in the world?" inquired the visitor, wondering. The sudden contraction of the old storekeeper's eyebrows told of a pain somewhere.

"My wife, she dead 30 years," was his quiet reply, "and mine little daughter, she lef a bad man, more dan 20 years back, and she run away wid him. He tell her I know her if she marry him, so she did not tell me. I would not haf done so, but she believe it."



"I HAF NO PHILOSOPHY."

Dis is in anoder city, and I hear not from her since. Dat is der reason I haf heart-aches sometimes, and need not large profits. Der money in der bank, who shall I leave it to?"

"What lots of trouble there is in the world," remarked the visitor, picking up the sugar purchased for a sick neighbor. "Now, the poor woman I am taking this to lost her husband last summer, and she has an invalid mother and a tiny baby to support. And now she had been too ill to work for six weeks."

"Poor thing," said Schulzheim, sympathetically. "Take her a basket of groceries wid you."

"Why don't you take them yourself?" asked the settlement lady, seized with a sudden inspiration. "The mother is of your nation, and it would do her good to talk German with you. Go and wish them Happy New Year, Mr. Schulzheim, for kindness sake."

"Well, I tink I vill," said Schulzheim, greatly to his own astonishment. "I go dis evening, after closing-time."

Closing-time came very late to Schulzheim, who thought it hard for tired men and women to be compelled to think of everything they needed before half-past seven, and still harder for sleepy children to be dragged out of bed unnecessarily early on cold winter mornings to run over to the store, and who kept open later than ever in the holiday season. But he did get the store closed and the basket of groceries ready at last, although he went back several times after extra delicacies. And he was climbing the stairs of the Ewing street tenement to which he had been directed before it occurred to him that he did not know the name of the people he meant to visit.

A door stood open on the second landing, however; some God-given instinct sent Schulzheim straight to that door, and when, next day, the settlement resident dropped in at the always open grocery to wish Mr. Schulzheim a Happy New Year there were sounds of women's voices in the little room back of the store.

"Dat was mine own little Gretchen, dat sick modder," Schulzheim told her, brokenly, "and dat poor young widow woman was mine own grandchild, and der baby was der first great-grandchild of der family. And I brings dem all ofer here to live wid me dis morning. Come in, come in, and say wid dem Happy New Year!"

And the settlement visitor was no more ashamed of the tears they were both shedding than was the old storekeeper himself.

NEW YEAR'S WISHES

By Gilbert Frederick, D. D.,
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IS a pleasant custom at this season, of wishing others a happy New Year. This custom is more singular than our familiarity with it would suggest. While there is nothing more general throughout the world than wishing, there is nothing more singular than a general custom of wishing happiness to others—indeed, the extensive observance of this custom is a significant mark of our Christian civilization.

Peoples of all lands wish. They wish by the moon, by the stars, by the clouds, by the birds, by almost every phenomenon. With some it is at certain periods in the year, with others it is a daily enjoyment.

Not every wish comes true, just as not every seed that is planted matures. There is a pretty custom among unenlightened tribes in the Orient, wherein fair virgins make little boats with sails, place on the top a lighted candle and put on board a cargo of wishes. At evening twilight these frail barks are launched on the doubtful current of the river. Anxious eyes watch them as they float away, for if the boat sail out of sight without overturning and the candle burn without dying, then will her burden of wishes come true, and the dark-faced maiden will happily wed. Too often, alas, more often than otherwise, these wishing boats and their cargoes come to a fateful end and disappoint the hopes of those who risk them on the treacherous stream—such is the end of many a wish.

We wish always for things that are good, but not always do the things that seem to us good turn out to be so. Perhaps no greater calamity could come to us than the getting of every wish. In an ancient Italian fairy tale Fortunatus, by means of his wishing cap, always had a full purse, but that purse proved the ruin of himself and his sons, a result not uncommon in real life today.

We wish a happy New Year to others, not for its opening days alone, but for all its days and all its hours, even to when the year is dying; wishes for December as well as May, for May as for January.

We wish that good which is ultimately good, not that present sweet which turns to bitter, but such fruit as grows sweeter with ripening prosperity and never knows decay.

We wish happiness, but mean more than amusement, and even more than pleasure. To be amused is the need of children, but the high intelligence of man needs more than amusement for its satisfaction. So pleasure, if we mean that which pleases, comes far short of our best wishes. A child is pleased with fire, and some poisons please the taste; indeed, many things that please also harm, and things displeasing often bring ultimate blessing. Happiness is more than amusement or pleasure. It reaches deeper into the inner life and is far more abiding. Inward conditions determine happiness rather than outward touches. To gad about in search of happiness is like doctoring a blood disease by skin applications. The source of health is in the soul. Happy are the pure in heart.

There is a picture in one of the galleries of Europe representing the final judgment of all men. Among the many figures on the canvas is one surely meant to be conspicuous. He evidently is not a saint though he is among the saints. A study of his face reveals the fact that instead of being happy he is wretched. He is now seeking to get out of that Heaven into which formerly he crowded himself. Then he was sure he would be happy could he but reach the place. Now he has learned that happiness is not a place, but a state. Eden must be in

the heart if the fruits of Eden are to be in the life.

Let us wish others a happy New Year, but such an one as is here indicated.

GOOD BOY'S PREDICAMENT.



"What are you crying about?" "Boo-hoo! I'm so good dere ain't nuffin fer me to swear off dis year!"—N. Y. Evening Journal.

A DINNER INVITATION

SOCIAL COMEDY USHERS IN A NEW YEAR

By Elisa Armstrong.

"I SUPPOSE there is no way out of it," sighed Mrs. Smith. "We must ask the Brownsons to dine with us on New Year's day. Such a bore as it will be, too. I believe that woman thinks she is the only person on earth who knows how a turkey should be cooked. She will intimate as much when she comes to the table, and—"

"Humph," retorted her husband, gloomily; "that is all you know about the real awfulness of having them. You will not be obliged to sit in a close room after dinner with an overloaded stomach and listen to Brownson's interminable stories of how he booked a nine-pound salmon and almost shot a bear. When he has quite finished with these stories, he will—"

"Oh, no," retorted Mrs. Smith, with deadly sarcasm. "I shall only have to listen politely while Mrs. Brownson brings up all her children in turn through the measles,



"A NOTE FROM MRS. BROWNSON."

scarlet fever and whooping cough. And if I say a word about my children, who are a hundred times as pretty and clever, she will almost yawn in my face. Still, I suppose we must have them."

"I suppose so, since we are under business and social obligations to them, but it will be dreadfully expensive, and—"

"And the cook will probably give warning because of the extra work."

"While the Jones family, who don't speak to the Brownsons, and whom we really like, will be offended with us."

"And mamma will be angry that we did not ask Dora and Mr. Willing instead."

"Not to mention the fact that the children will in all probability behave like Comanches because there is company."

"And the housemaid will be so anxious to get through that she will squander the gravy on the best tablecloth and add the turkey dressing as an unnecessary addition

to the trimming of Mrs. Brownson's waist."

"And all to entertain people who bore us nearly to death. Still, you had better write the invitation at once and have it settled."

"I will, dear. Come in, Norah, what is it?" A note! Oh, Wilfred, listen. It is from Mrs. Brownson. They want us to dine with them on New Year's day and meet those lovely Van Styles, whom I have been so anxious to know! Isn't it lovely?"

"Indeed it is. We shall have a most delightful time. I don't know a more entertaining fellow than Brownson; I shall quite enjoy a long talk with him."

"I am sure of it. And Mrs. Brownson is such a splendid housekeeper, too. Of course, we will accept with pleasure and tell them that our only regret is that we had not sent out our invitation to them first."

The New Year.

Here's a Happy New Year! Sunshine's in the sky. Join the throng And swell the song That comes a-floatin' by.

Wear a smile for strangers; Welcome all yer kin; Carve the roast And give a toast To folks that happens in.

Wish we all may prosper In whatever we do. An' we must Er each'll just Help the others through. —Washington Star.

The Growth of Time.

We'll give no thought to our increasing age. Nor sigh because another year has flown. But write upon each new and spotless page. "Our minds have wiser, hearts have warmer, grown." —L. A. W. Bulletin.

But She Didn't.

Tommy—What does "credulous" mean, ma? Mother—Why, if I were to take any stock in your father's New Year's resolutions, then I would be credulous.—N. Y. Journal.

Make It Unanimous.

Concerning January bills There's just this thing to say: If everybody paid us we Could everybody pay. —Chicago Record.

Found Out.

"I always believe," said the grocer, "in weighing my words well."

"Yes," said the man who was getting the sugar, "and I always notice that you do considerable talking around the scales when you're putting things up for me."—Chicago Times-Herald.

His Punishment.

"Is it true," asked the college president, "that you painted the door of the department of chemistry black?"

"I admit it," replied the sophomore, frankly. "Then go. Never darken these doors again!"—Philadelphia North American.

Score One for America.

Myer—When a Hindoo dies his widow is cremated.

Gyer—That's where the American widow gets the best of it.

Myer—How so?

Gyer—Instead of being cremated she is remated—N. she is rich and pretty.—Chicago Daily News.

A Poor Town for Lovers.

A case which came before the Milan police court the other day amusingly illustrates the maxim "other times, other manners." There is among the city statutes a law rigorously prohibiting all kisses or other amatory demonstrations in public places as being contrary to morals. This statute, though dating from the days of the Sforzas, is still so strictly enforced that only the other day a pair of perfectly respectable lovers were taken before the tribunal for merely exchanging an embrace in a quiet corner of the park when they thought nobody was looking.

Upon this case a city Solomon adjudged that though kissing under such circumstances could not be considered contrary to morals, it was not consistent with the ideals of advanced civilization as to decorum. A fine of 12 shillings was inflicted.

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A writer, in one of the daily papers, said that among the "upper ten," those who are accustomed to "six figures," it was not considered the proper thing for a woman to receive as a present anything which was to be used in house furnishing. That the proper gift for her royal highness—the American woman—was diamonds, expensive furs, or other "trifles."

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A NEW YEAR'S STORY.

By Opie Read.

A PHYSICIAN ordered Crandall to go south. "What for?" the young fellow spoke up, rather testily. "You forget that I was the successful center rush of—"

"Yes, I know all about that," the doctor broke in. "And I also know that in your great strength—in the over development of your muscles, there lies a danger. Go south for the winter and rest. You can afford it." And, acting upon the physician's advice, Crandall went down to the Gulf coast of Mississippi and took up his abode at Ocean Springs, a place settled by the Spaniards many years before there was a New Orleans. He rented a cottage built high upon the pine wooded bluff, hired a negro cook and was soon at home with his guns and fishing tackle upon the walls. Some one asked him if he had brought any books with him and he answered: "No, I left them in the black shadow of the university. What I'm looking for is sunshine. And, by the way, yonder it is now, out in that boat."

That, in fact, was not the name of a girl sitting in a boat not far out from the end of the pier on which Crandall and a newly-formed acquaintance were standing. It was not the name by which she was known among the neighbors, but a name which a stranger might have applied to her. Her hair, as it streamed in the breeze, was a waving flame, so golden was its hue; and when she stood erect, which she did at the moment Crandall spoke of her, she was a picture of a grace so true as might never be effaced from the mind.

"Who is she?" he asked of the man who stood beside him; and thus was he enlightened. "She is the granddaughter of an old fellow who lives in that queer-looking house yonder, the one with the round tower. About here it is known, and he himself boasts of the fact, that he is the grandson of a famous French pirate who once infested the coast along here, and whose offenses were condoned by the government on account of services which he rendered Andrew Jackson's army. I don't know what her name is."

"I believe I'll row over and have a talk with her," said Crandall. "You may do as you like, but the old man is dead set against any attentions that strangers pay her."

By this time Crandall was in his boat. The girl did not take notice of his approach—she paid not the slightest heed to him until he spoke, and then, turning toward him, she said: "I'm not acquainted with you."

"A fact which I acknowledge with regret," he replied.

"Oh, you do!" she said, giving him a full view of her wondrous eyes.

"Yes, and your name is—let me see. Isn't your grandfather a grandson of the Le Feste—or whatever his name was—who robbed on the sea and built a fort on Lake Ponchartrain?"

"You seem to have read history, at any rate."

"Yes, I have skimmed the most important events, and I can dip up a happening all right, but dates run through my skimmer. What are you trying to catch here?"

"Fish," she answered; and he replied: "I might have surmised as much," and then she rejoined: "Oh, as to that, a man doesn't often take the trouble to surmise reasonably when his only object is to gain an opportunity to ask a question."

"By George, Miss Pirate, you are as sharp as your old ancestor," and when she had looked at him and laughed, for the remark did not displease her, he added: "It may be small concern to you, but we are neighbors. I live up yonder among the pines."

"Oh, you are the crazy man," she said, looking at him closer. He looked back at her in astonishment, and she explained: "That's what some of the folks believe. What else could they think of a man who hangs up a leather bag and hits it nearly all night?" He explained that he was merely taking exercise and she asked him why he didn't cut wood, and he replied that it would give him pleasure to make chips fly for her. She tried to frown at him, but laughed. They had been drifting along together. Now she took up the oars. He asked her what she was going to do, and she replied that she was going home, of course. He could not expect her to remain out there with a stranger. And, laughing, she rowed off from him; and shortly afterward he muttered an imprecation against himself for not having nerve enough to follow her, and late that night he turned from the punching bag and said to himself: "Come, old fellow, brush that face out of your mind. But is it in my



"I'M NOT ACQUAINTED WITH YOU."

mind? Isn't it deeper? Ah, didn't the heart camera take a snap shot at her? And, bounding up, she and he furiously attacked the bag. It was his intention to go out upon the water early the next morning in the hope of seeing her, but the dawn came with a lashing of rain on the roof. But later in the day he went over to the "Pirate's." There was a high fence about the house, and the rusty iron gate was fastened with a chain and padlock. He shook the gate and shouted and after a time an old man with a bushy head of fierce looking hair came out upon the veranda and demanded to know the cause of such a disturbance at his gate. Crandall replied that no disturbance was intended, and then the old man asked him what he wanted. Crandall didn't know exactly what to say—he didn't care to blurt out that he wanted to see the girl, so he remarked: "Why, you see, we are neighbors, and—"

"Oh, we are!" the old man broke in. "And if that's the case don't you think you ought to have waited for me to call first?"

"Well, yes," Crandall admitted, "that would have been more formal; but I am willing to dispense with formality."

"But I am not," said the old man, stepping inside and shutting the door; and as Crandall was about to turn away he thought he heard the music of a mischievous laugh. During all that day, and during nearly all the night he worried over the truth that the picture had been taken by his heart instead of his mind. The next morning he was on the pier when the sun arose and his eye swept the flashing water, but he did not see her; and after waiting until noontime he returned to the house to brood over her, to gaze inward at her picture, with hair streaming like a flame. Late in the afternoon he wandered by the wooded shore and suddenly he halted, with his heart beating hard, for there she sat beneath a pine tree, gazing out upon the quiet water. He halted, stood and looked at her, and she did not withdraw her eyes from the sleeping sea, for she had not heard him; but he stepped back, to retreat in the timidity that suddenly had come upon him; a twig snapped beneath his foot and she looked round.

"I beg your pardon," said he; and she replied: "Oh, no, but I beg your pardon for laughing when you were driven away from our gate."

He sat down beside her and she made no objection. And they talked with a freedom that cut an hour short. At last a voice called her and she started up, declaring that she did not know it was so late. "He called you Marquette," said Crandall. "It is a pretty name."

"Good-by," she said, running away from him.

"When may I see you again?" he called after her, and back came the words: "Oh, you mustn't think of that. Perhaps not at all."

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A DAY OF GOOD WILL

Needy Thousands Enjoy Cheer and Plenty of Christmas.

PRISONERS AND POOR REMEMBERED.

Salvation Army in New York and Other Cities Gives Holiday Dinners to All Who Apply—A Glad Occasion to Many.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—All over the city Christmas reigned supreme. Rich and poor held high revel, and there were smiles in prisons and happiness in hospitals. Newsboys feasted like lords, homeless men were given a chance to eat to repletion, and nowhere in the city does it seem possible that any person could have gone without a dinner.

Never before was Christmas so generally celebrated, nor so much done for those who were able for others whose holiday time would have been sad without them.

Society entertained in its usual way with house parties and dances, but in the homes of the poor there were many happy families. There the shrubs elegantly decorated brought as much fun as the large tree loaded with expensive gifts. Political leaders renewed their strength with their constituents by furnishing a banquet free to all, and societies having rented halls set huge tables groaning with good things for those unable to provide for themselves.

Many out of town parties were given by society leaders. Mrs. Howard Gould gave an entertainment to 500 village children at Fort Washington, on Long Island. Mr. George Gould held a Christmas party at Georgian Court, Lakewood, N. J. The Vanderbilt and Twohally house party and dance was held at the Twombly villa, Madison, N. J. Mrs. Amos T. French kept open house in Tuxedo and gave a house party in honor of Miss Elsie French and her fiancé, Mr. Alfred G. Vanderbilt.

At Madison Square Garden more than 40,000 persons were the recipients of the Salvation Army's Christmas cheer in the form of a dinner.

Commander and Mrs. Booth-Tucker were at the Garden as early as half past 8 o'clock preparing for the coming of the crowd. Accompanying them were at least 150 soldier boys and lassies who immediately set to work preparing the dinners and decorating the amphitheater for the festival.

Arranged on the main floor of the Garden were 54 long tables. On these the dinner was served. One immense table extending from the entrance on Madison avenue to the exit on Fourth avenue was piled with baskets. There were 3,200 of these baskets, and each one contained a chicken, four pounds of potatoes, two pounds of vegetables, a loaf of bread, half a pound of beef, half a pound of sugar and a quarter of a pound of coffee. Each one of the baskets was made up to feed a family of five. At 2 o'clock not one of these baskets was left.

Seven hundred homeless and hungry men were treated to a Christmas dinner at the McAuley mission, 316 Water street, this being the fifteenth annual dinner given by the mission.

Christmas in Paris.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—Christmas tide was favored in France with bright, cheerful weather, and Parisians celebrated it in characteristic fashion. All the restaurants and cafes were crisscrossed Christmas eve with festive supper parties, which did not disperse until early in the morning. At midnight masses with special musical attractions filled the leading churches to overflowing. The charitable side of the festival was represented by numbers of free meals and reasonable gifts to poor families and outcasts. Mme. Loubet gave 7,000 francs to be used for the relief of widows in necessitous circumstances.

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Convicts Entertained.

SING SING, Dec. 26.—The convicts in the state prison had as merry a Christmas as the accommodations would permit, thanks to the kindness of George Thatcher's minstrels and Warden Johnson. Immediately after breakfast the minstrel troupe gave a performance in the Protestant chapel in the prison. The stage, which had been erected at the west end of the building, was handsomely decorated with the national colors and holly and evergreen. In the body of the chapel were seated 1,300 convicts, all wearing the usual striped shirts, with vests, but no coats.

Fifteen Hundred Christmas Dinners.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 26.—The Salvation Army fed 1,500 poor people in the Grays' armory. Twenty-five long tables were used, covered with paper and furnished with tin dishes. A large squad of police had a busy time keeping the men and boys in good order. Senator Hanna, who is a staunch friend of the Salvation Army, was present and was greeted with cheers. He made a short speech.

Christmas Dinners For the Poor.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Dec. 26.—The local corps of the Salvation Army fed every poor person who could be found in the city, 518 Christmas dinners being given away. The workers of the organization, under Captain and Mrs. Draxell, hunted up every person who was too poor to buy a turkey dinner and made them welcome.

Poor Remembered in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—The inmates of the various eleemosynary and corrective institutions of the city enjoyed Christmas along with the rest of the world. There were special celebrations in all of the institutions. The Post-Dispatch provided 15,000 dinners for the poor in different parts of the city.

Christmas Gift For Employees.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The 3,000 employees of the Crane company, manufacturers, will receive substantial and acceptable Christmas presents from their employers this year. Every man in the service of the company will receive an amount equal to 5 per cent of the aggregate of his wages during last year. The total amount which will be distributed reaches \$100,000. This is the result of a year of unparalleled prosperity.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1900.

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, Dec. 24, 1900.

Mr. McKinley is eating the crow prepared for him by the Senate when it thoroughly Americanized the Hay-Pauncefote treaty before ratifying it, as though he enjoyed crow as much as he did Christmas turkey. But that isn't strange. He is always in favor of what the majority favors. He has heard from the people as well as from the Senate, and will direct that the amended treaty be forwarded to the British Government with as much complacency as though it hadn't been amended at all. Secretary Hay made it easier for him by giving out an official statement saying that he was personally responsible for the wording of the original treaty, and that it was agreed to by the British Ambassador without the crossing of a "t" or the dotting of an "i." This action of Mr. Hay was but following the example of Alger who made himself a scapegoat to save Mr. McKinley's feelings. It is the belief of most Senators that England will accept the amended treaty, but many of them do not hesitate to say that it is perfectly immaterial to them whether she does or not.

Senator Hanna took occasion before Congress adjourned until January 3, for the holiday recess, to do some vigorous cracking of the party whip over the heads of those Republican Senators who have dared to express opposition to the Ship subsidy bill. He threatened them with all sorts of things if they did not get into line for the bill by the time Congress reassembled, and added that no Republican who opposed the bill need expect any favors from the administration. Whether those tactics will win cannot be told until the Senate is again in session.

Extravagance is in the Washington atmosphere, and all sorts and conditions of men are trying to get some of the Treasury surplus which they expect Congress to appropriate at this session. When the House committee on Rivers and Harbors met, at the beginning of the session, it was understood by the members that the bill to be prepared should not carry a total of more than \$40,000,000. That understanding was knocked into a cocked hat by the provisional agreement by the committee to items in the bill which, with provision for continuing contracts, nearly doubled the amount first named. That frightened the committee, and a decision was reached to cut the total of the appropriations carried by the bill down to \$60,000,000, which will in the opinion of most persons, be a sizable amount.

Close friends of the administration admit that Mr. McKinley and his Cabinet are in a state of anxiety concerning the decision that the U. S. Supreme Court will hand down in the cases involving the Constitutionality of the McKinley policy toward the islands acquired from Spain, which were argued this week—in other words, whether the Constitution follows the flag where it is permanently raised. Attorney Gen. Griggs made the argument against that contention, and lawyers say it was one of the ablest he ever made. It is not known, of course, what the decision, which is expected some time in January, will be, but the preponderance of legal opinion, entirely outside of politics, seems to be that it will be against the administration. That opinion is privately held by many who support Mr. McKinley.

Mr. McKinley's nomination of Mr. J. G. A. Leishman, of Pa., to be U. S. Minister to Turkey, is considered to be an official acknowledgment of the failure of the series of bluffs, beginning with the departure from Constantinople of U. S. Minister Straus and ending with the call of the battleship Kentucky at Smyrna, Turkey, to make the Sultan pay the claims of American missionaries for property destroyed by Turkish mobs, leaving the Sultan the winner, as the claims have not been paid.

The Senate Committee on Mil-

tary Affairs has knocked out the Army reorganization bill passed by the House, which was prepared by Gen. Corbin, and credited to Secretary Root, by preparing a substitute which will be reported to the Senate when Congress reassembles. The substitute provides for the same number of men as the House bill, but in the organization follows the recommendations of General Miles. It also provides for a continuance of the army canteen, which the House voted to abolish to please the ladies of the W. C. T. U., who were at the Capital in force when the vote was taken, only stipulating that beer shall be the only intoxicant sold.

Although the resolution authorizing the retirement as a Captain in the navy of Representative Boutelle, of Me., who is now in a sanitarium suffering with an incurable brain trouble brought on—everybody knows how, went through the House and Senate without objection and is now in the hands of Mr. McKinley, there are lots of Senators and Representatives who believe it to be a bad precedent for Congress to set, but who disliked to oppose it for fear that they would be charged with lack of feeling for a poor fellow, whose friends only asked that he be provided with a government salary for the rest of his life. If Congress should undertake to provide for all such the country would soon be bankrupt.

FOR NATIONAL HONOR.

We Should Keep the Promises Made to the Filipinos.

Some people profess to believe that the United States cannot be a world power unless its authority be spread out over a large portion of the globe and maintained there by a standing army. They have no conception of any power except that of brute strength, and the idea that a country is great and therefore strong because it has numerous colonies find blind acceptance with them. As a matter of fact a country is weakened by the possession of distant territory, which must be all times and which, in time of war, must be watched with special care lest it revolt or be stolen. England and other territory-holding nations have learned this to their sorrow. There has not been a war in which England has engaged for years that has not been prolonged and, in one case at least, lost, because her territories required valuable troops for their defense and continued subjugation.

It is not a matter of mere sentiment which makes the restoration of the Philippine Islands to the natives a desirable action. We should keep the promises made when we accepted Filipino help against the Spanish, for the sake of our national word of honor but also for our own comfort and even safety we should let them go. They are not necessary to make the United States a world power.

This country is that already. It is more. It is the foremost power in the world, as acknowledged by Sir Robert Giffen at the recent meeting of the Manchester Statistical society, when he said:

"The United States has compelled her recognition as a world power, and the most powerful of all, so far as her population and resources are concerned. It really has a greater European population than any European state. Its pre-eminence cannot be questioned."

Conquest has not made us great, however. We have developed in peace, and, despite, not through, wars, for war in the end costs more than it brings. Our greatness is the result of natural growth, the outcome of the constitutional seed planted by the fathers. Our strength is in our patriotic manhood, ready at all times to defend the principles of liberty and equality, and in the doubt about real prowess, which has always existed in the minds of the rulers of the earth. And it will be wise to make an exact showing of our resources in attempts to hold stolen islands.—*New York News.*

License Blanks.

License blanks for Hotel, Restaurant, Wholesaler, Bottler, Distiller, for sale at this office, 10 cents each, 3 for 25 cents.

U. Ev. Church Services.

Missionary meeting, on Friday evening, at W. V. Robbins', at 7:30 p. m.

Sunday school, Sunday, at 9:15 a. m.

Preaching, on "Eternity," at 10:30 a. m.

Junior K. L. C. E., at 2 p. m.

Senior K. L. C. E., at 6 p. m.

Union services, in the M. E. Church, at 7:15 p. m.

Watch night services, on Monday evening, beginning at 9 p. m., consisting of addresses, prayer and experience meetings, appropriate singing, and evangelistic services. All are very cordially invited to all these services. Strangers welcome.

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Protection of the Finny
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They are Very Voluminous.
Provide For a Fine Of
\$25 for Sunday Fish-
ers and the Punish-
ment of Other
Offenders.

At a recent meeting of the representatives of the Fish and Game Commissioners of the State, the Forestry Commissioners, officers of the State Board of Health and members of the sportsmen's associations and similar organizations at Harrisburg, vigorous action was taken to have laws enforced to protect fish and game.

Heretofore objections have been raised to bills presented because it was stated they interfered with the rights of other bodies seeking protection, and the meeting was for the purpose of discussing legislation that will meet the requirements of residents in all sections of the State. One of the bills to be presented for endorsement has been prepared carefully by the Pennsylvania Fish Protective Association, with the assistance of the State Fish Commission. Most of those now on the statute books are defective in character, and as a whole are unsatisfactory to all interests, commercial as well as sporting.

Before beginning the work the association sent out more than 3,000 circulars to anglers and fish protective associations throughout the State, asking for suggestions, and, as far as possible, in the bill, which is now completed, the suggestions have been carried out.

The bill is very voluminous and contains about fifty sections, some of them being decidedly novel. As a whole bill is regarded by those who have seen it as both comprehensive and fair, alike to the commercial men and the anglers.

Section 1 defines what shall be game fish and commercial fish. The various species of trout, black bass, pickerel, pike, muskellunge, strawberry bass, pike, perch, blue pike, i. e., rock bass and white bass are designated as game fish, and shad, herring, white fish, cisco, sturgeon and striped bass or rock fish are named as food fishes.

Section 2 prohibits fishing for any species of game fish in any manner except with rod, hook and line, or for food fish with device not specifically mentioned in the act, under a penalty of twenty twenty-five dollars.

Section 3 makes the open season for trout, except lake trout, open April 15 and close on July 15; lake trout, from January 1st to September 1st, and bass, pike, pickerel, pike perch, etc., from June 15th to December 31. The penalty for violation is ten dollars for each fish.

Other sections provide for the safety of fish, what sizes and how many can be taken; the use of certain nets; the prohibition of Sunday fishing; for the erection of fishways on dams; against fishing in private waters; for state reserves; punishing the use of explosives; for elimination of undesirable fish.

Section 21 permits the Fish Commissioners to declare a close season of any fish not protected by legislative enactment by making public proclamation. But such proclamation shall hold good only for three years. Violation of the provisions of the provisions of the proclamation is punishable by a penalty of \$25.

Section 22 permits the capture of any fish not specifically named, game or food fish at any time of the year with rod, hook and line, except where proclamation is made by the commission to the contrary.

Sections 23 to 29, inclusive, all relate to legal procedure in case of violations.

Section 30 gives permission to the Fish Commission to forbid the fishing for any species of fish newly planted for three years, after giving public notice in three papers in the county in which the stream is located. Penalty for violation, \$10 for each fish captured.

Section 33 forbids fishing on Sunday, under a penalty of \$25, and

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Section 34 to the end of the bill relates to the appointment of Fish Commissioners and fish wardens and their duties.

Sale Bills.

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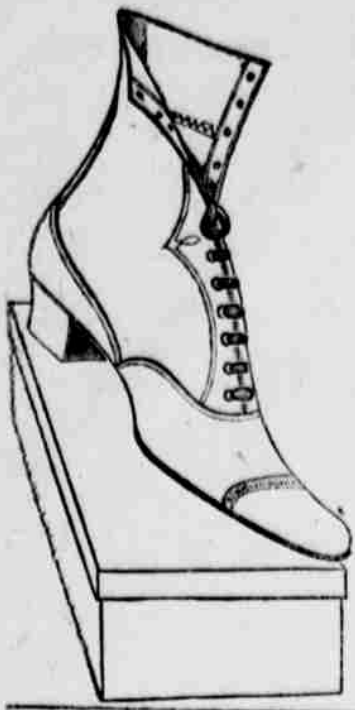
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1900.

Entered at the Post Office at Bloomsburg, Pa., as second class matter, March 1, 1888.

FARM JOURNAL.

We are notified by the publishers of *Farm Journal* that their clubbing arrangement will end with 1900. We can supply them up to January 1st 1901, but not after that. All persons paying for the *COLUMBIAN* a year in advance before January 1st will get the *Farm Journal* for four years free. After that it will be too late. This is the last chance. Don't miss it.

Legal advertisements on page 7.

Now for your new century resolution.

Games from 5 cents to \$1.00 at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

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We have a very nice line of small photo frames, with prices reasonable and many kinds at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

Members of the Benevolent Order of Elks can obtain address cards with handsome designs at this office.

Mrs. M. A. Watson has a large line of fall hats including the latest styles. Call and see them, Main street below Market.

J. Gere Jayne and William Reynolds, of Berwick have formed a law partnership and will open an office in Wilkes-Barre.

If you are intending to buy a Christmas present either great or small we want to see you at J. H. Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

This is the season of the year when families become reunited. Children gather round the parental firesides to share the Christmas joys.

Extra men have been assisting in the delivering of express packages for the Adams and United States Express companies this week.

There have been some slight changes made in the Pennsylvania Railroad time table. A corrected schedule appears elsewhere in this issue.

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The largest and most beautiful line of holiday goods that we have seen is on exhibition at J. H. Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

The Fourth Ward fire company is adhering strictly to the by-laws and for violating one of these sections recently, several members were expelled.

We have put in a stock of some very beautiful mirrors for Christmas presents for some body. See them and be convinced of their beauty at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

We are informed from a reliable party that work on the new trolley line will be commenced next month. This is official. The much wished for electric cars are a sure thing.

Bibles—large and small and the stock open for comparison at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

Elk Lodges throughout the United States are co-operating to prevent the wholesale slaughter of elks, by uniting against the purchasing of teeth as watch charms.

Pocket books for either lady or gent at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

The drinking fountain on Market Street was repaired last week, so that the waste water will run away and not freeze around the base. In its former condition it was a nuisance.

Gold pens and pencils for either lady or gent at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

Moving pictures and illustrated songs at the Opera House Friday and Saturday nights. This entertainment is highly recommended. For the benefit of the building fund of the M. E. church.

Fill up your coal bins says some of our older residents who have made a study of the weather. It is very pleasant now but the southward flight of the wild geese they say is a forerunner of arctic weather.

John Lemons died at his home in Rohrsburg Tuesday. He had been affected with dropsy for several months past. He was pretty well advanced in years. We are uninformed as to his exact age. A wife survives.

The people of Sing Sing are considering the advisability of changing the name of the town to Ossining. They claim the name keeps people out of the town and that the people when away from home disown the place.

Harry Achenbach won the Bloomsburg Weelmen pool tournament at the club house on Christmas afternoon. There were twelve contestants. Gerald Gross, who usually figures in the last count, was defeated in the very first game by Benj. Vannatta.

Henry A. Mulliner, of Williamsport, and Mrs. Margaret C. Ralston were married by Rev. W. M. Fry-singer, of the Methodist church, at the residence of the bride on East street, Thursday. There were only a few close friends in attendance. After a wedding tour they will return to Bloomsburg and reside.

An audience which filled the hall to overflowing, enjoyed the cantata, "All Hail to Santa Claus," as presented in the Esby Hall on Christmas eve, under the auspices of the Lutheran church of that place. The cantata is of the higher class, and requires good talent to present it, and its rendition Monday night proved it to be in capable hands, notwithstanding the tender age of many of the participants, and the very short time given for its preparation. The music was of the inspiring kind, and the dialogues very pleasing.

Royal Arcanum address cards can be obtained at this office.

The best that money can buy should be your aim in choosing a medicine, and this is Hood's Sarsaparilla. It cures when others fail.

The Bellefonte *Watchman* came out in a beautiful holiday number last week. The circulation of the *Watchman* extends through many states. No better weekly paper reaches our table. P. Gray Meek is the publisher and proprietor.

We have just received a new Sample Book containing the latest designs in show cards, society address cards, folders, invitations, menus, etc., and persons in need of anything in this line are invited to inspect our lines before placing orders.

A splendid Turkey Dinner will be served in the Town Hall at Esby, on New Year's Day, under auspices of Lutheran church, for 25c. In the evening a social will be held when ice cream, cake, soups and other good things will be served. Everybody invited.

Collar and cuff boxes, necktie boxes, handkerchief boxes, necktie books, jewel boxes, glove boxes, cigar stands and cases, music rolls, photo holders, card stands and card cases and many other holiday presents, some of which are very beautiful at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

We have heard it suggested among politicians that Sullivan county would probably be hitched to Bradford in a new senatorial district, since Bradford's with Wyoming. Well we don't care. Bradford cannot play the hog any worse than Columbia and Northumberland have. They have given us nothing and Bradford can't give us less. Besides, in business and acquaintance we are nearer to Bradford than to the countries along Fishing creek. —*Sullivan Review*.

The Philadelphia papers did not arrive on the morning train Sunday, owing to the lateness of the train conveying them to Northumberland. Many of our residents who have been in the habit of procuring the news early in the day, were at a loss to know what to do with themselves. The papers finally came on the evening train. Several hundred people had congregated at the D. L. & W. depot and the news dealer could scarcely hand them out fast enough.

A special from Harrisburg to the Philadelphia *Press* on Monday says that a large tract of land known as Lochiel Rolling Mill property has been purchased by Robert C. Neal, from the McCormick estate for \$70,000. It has been operated in the past by the Harrisburg Rolling Mill Company, of which Mr. Neal is president, but it is likely that he will conduct it in the future. There are forty-eight dwelling houses on the property.

A very large line of lamps suitable for a Christmas present at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

Sylvester Solleder, aged fifty years, son of the late Andrew Solleder, died at his home on North Market street, Monday evening, at about six o'clock. The deceased had been a victim of various discomforts of life for many years past. He, like his father before him, was a shoemaker by trade. He worked at the bench as long as his health would permit of it. About four weeks ago his disease took the form of dropsy, and this, together with heart failure, caused his death. The surviving members of the family are a wife, a son and a daughter. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, from the house, Rev. D. N. Kirkby, of the Episcopal Church, of which Mr. Solleder was a member, officiating.

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PURELY PERSONAL

Harry Keller is home from Lafayette for the holidays.

Mac Reber is visiting his parents on Market Street.

Jesse James of Chicago is the guest of relatives in town.

George A. Clark, of Tyrone, is home for the holiday vacation.

Charles Zimmerman spent Christmas with friends at Shickshinny.

Edgar Blue, of Philadelphia, is visiting his parents on East Street.

Patsy Reilly, of Shamokin, spent Christmas in town with his mother.

Matthew McReynolds, of Hazleton, is spending the holidays at home.

Harry Wilbur, a student at Dickinson College is home for the holidays.

Warland Evans came down Friday from Scranton to spend a week at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Drinker, of Bethlehem, are spending this week in town.

Lloyd Kitchen came down from Wyoming Seminary Friday to spend the holidays with his parents.

Benjamin Vannatta and family, of Tyrone, are the guests of his mother and sisters on Iron Street.

Mrs. F. M. Leader returned home Saturday from an extended visit to New York, Brooklyn and other cities.

John Watson is home for a three weeks visit with his mother. John is attending Dickinson College at Carlisle.

N. P. Moore, Esq., of Buckhorn was in town on Wednesday. He has recovered his health and is hale and hearty for a man of seventy-seven.

James Dougherty is in town for a few days vacation. James has deserted the printing business and is in the employ of an information bureau.

Frank and Carl Brown are visiting their parents this week. Both are in the employ of Armour & Co. They are stationed at North Adams, Mass.

Chas. Eyer of Williamsport spent last evening in town with L. N. Moyer. He was on his way to Philadelphia. He resumed his journey this morning.

Miss Natalie Foulke is spending the holiday vacation with her parents on Iron street. She will return to New York after New Year's day to resume her musical studies.

H. C. Jones, one of our composers, accompanied by his wife, departed Monday morning for Selinsgrove where they will be the guests of the latter's parents for a week.

Mrs. William Sterner went to Bennett Pa. Monday to spend a week with her daughter, Mrs. Christian. She was accompanied by her daughter Miss Mattie Sterner.

John Gross departed Saturday evening for Wilmington, Delaware, where he will spend a week. He displayed the characteristics of an old time tourist, when he bade his friends good-bye.

W. S. Hosler, of Fishing Creek, intends to keep himself posted on the happenings of the coming year. He gave us a call Wednesday and renewed his subscription to the *COLUMBIAN*.

Lamps from 25 cents to \$13.00 at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

The *Millburg Times* says, "The A. & T. Biograph Company gave a fine exhibition of moving pictures to a large audience in the Buffalo Lutheran church Friday evening. D. J. Tasker's illustrated songs was a winning feature. We hope to have this entertainment again soon." At the Opera House two nights, Friday and Saturday, under the auspices of the Methodist church.

The clubbing arrangement with the *World* has not been renewed for 1901. These are three reasons for this:

First. The object is to secure new subscribers and to induce old ones to pay up. The effect has been that only those who always pay in advance anyway have taken advantage of it.

Second. It costs us four cents more than we get for it, and is therefore a loss to us.

Third. The *World* is mailed direct to subscribers from New York. If not received we have no knowledge of it, but many complaints are made to us either that it does not come regularly, or not at all. We have even been taken to task for some of the *World's* political views that do not suit the reader.

In order therefore to avoid loss and annoyance, without any corresponding compensation, we have discontinued the club arrangement, and will no longer furnish the *World* with this paper.

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REFORMERS KILLED.

Surrounded by China's Imperial Troops, 1,500 Are Slain.

LIBERTY GAINED AT FEARFUL COST.

The Chinese Reform Party Forced to a Battle While Maturing Plans for a General Uprising With Disastrous Results.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 25.—The foreign secretary of the Chinese association of Canada, stationed here, has received a cablegram from Hongkong stating that the Chinese reformers, who are thought to be getting ready to rise simultaneously throughout China, have been forced into fighting their first battle with disastrous results. The cablegram, in cipher, says:

"While on a friendly visit to Chang Chi Tung, governor of Chi-chih-li, supposed to be in sympathy with the reform movement, Chief Loder Tong of Chi-chih-li and 26 other leaders were seized by Chang Chi Tung and executed, while 10,000 imperial troops attempted to surround and capture 5,000 reform troops. A bloody battle ensued, and 1,500 reformers were killed before they could cut their way through the ranks of the enemy by charging them with bayonets. Hundreds of imperial troops were either killed or wounded. The imperial troops did not follow the reform troops in their retreat."

CHINA WILL ACCEPT.

Foreign Ministers Sanguine in Regard to Terms Proposed.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—According to a news agency dispatch from Peking, dated Dec. 24, the foreign ministers there are unanimously of the opinion that China will accept the conditions imposed by the joint note of the powers within a month. The note was started on its way to the lower empress and the emperor immediately after its presentation, the dispatch says, but wire communication is slow, and it probably will not reach them until Dec. 27.

Vice Admiral Alexioff, says the St. Petersburg correspondent of The Times, has issued orders to the men under his command in China to make detailed lists of the Chinese property—money, cattle, provisions, etc.—taken by them and where such property now is.

The correspondent also says that detachments of Russian troops in southern and southeastern Manchuria continue to pursue the work of exterminating disorganized Chinese troops and brigands.

The Shanghai correspondent of The Standard, telegraphing Dec. 24, says:

"The government has arrested Prince Tuan and Prince Chang on the borders of the Shanxi and Shensi provinces. Yu Tsien has been ordered to return to Yunnan forthwith to be executed, it is supposed."

"It is inferred from these reports that the imperial authorities are preparing to concede the demands of the joint note for the punishment of the instigators of the trouble in China."

Joint Note Delivered.

PEKING, Dec. 26.—The preliminary joint note was delivered yesterday to the Chinese. Li Hung Chang found that he was unable to attend the meeting of the ministers, and his credentials and those of Prince Ching were presented by the latter to the foreign envoys. Prince Ching, replying to the Spanish minister, Senor B. J. de Cologan, who presented the note, said he would immediately communicate its contents to the emperor and assured the ministers that a speedy reply was the desire of the court, as it felt that all China wants peace and prosperity.

French Clash With Boxers.

TIENTSIN, Dec. 26.—A French detachment of 100 men left here Dec. 20 for Hunkow, 20 miles westward, to search for arms. Approaching a village across a frozen creek, a force of Boxers opened fire, killing Lieutenant Contal and wounding another officer. The French burned the village.

Kidnapers' Den Found.

OMAHA, Dec. 26.—The result of 24 hours' work on the part of the police of the city and half a hundred detectives has established the location of the house in which Edward Cudahy, Jr., was held prisoner for nearly two days. The house is located four miles from the city and in a place of easy access, but so situated as to allow the desperadoes ample opportunity to lay and carry out their plans without molestation from inquiring neighbors. Within easy communication by rail and wagon roads to Omaha and South Omaha and on a high knoll where outcrops could give immediate alarm in case of necessity, the one and a half story shack was admirably chosen by the bandits. No doubt exists in the minds of the police as to identity of the place. Young Cudahy himself was taken to the house and identified many features which he had recognized while a blindfolded prisoner.

To Free Kurdistan.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—General Osman Pasha, who led the Kurd rising in 1878, and a representative of The Daily Mail, yesterday said that he would leave London today to head another rising to free Kurdistan from Turkish rule. "I hope for English sympathy," he said, "if not for material support in the struggle against the despotic Turks, who, dominated by Russia, have compelled the brave, warlike Kurds to act the part of assassins toward their brother Armenians."

Our New Pacific Island.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—A dispatch to The Standard from Berlin says that Captain Ingvald, a Norwegian, has discovered and named after himself a hitherto unknown island in the Pacific ocean, lying latitude 2 deg. 4 min. north and longitude 135 deg. 30 min. east, between the Philippine and Caroline groups. It is said that an American gunboat commander has annexed the island, which seems to be richly wooded and very fertile.

Accidentally Poisoned Himself.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Mrs. Sarah Rank of Brooklyn arose early to prepare the Christmas dinner for her family. She had a severe headache and, going to a closet, got what she supposed was a headache powder. Instead it was a small paper of Paris green which she held of, and without noticing that she had poison she swallowed the stuff. She died shortly after surrounded by her children. Mrs. Rank was aged 60.

AN AUTONOMY PARTY.

Loyal Filipinos Adopt a Platform. Former Insurgents Lead.

MANILA, Dec. 24.—The recently organized Autonomy party was launched at a meeting attended by virtually all the loyal Filipino leaders in Manila. The declaration of principles was read and, after some discussion, adopted by a vote of 123, less than half a dozen declining to vote. All signed an endorsement of the platform, including Senor Paterno, one of the most influential of the former insurgent leaders, whose real attitude toward American authority has been much questioned.

The principal discussion was with reference to the organization of the government of the party. A council of 25 members was elected, together with an executive committee, including Senor Cayetano Arellano, chief justice of the supreme court; Mr. Frank H. Bourne, Senor Armijos Flores, a former insurgent general; Senor Florentino Torres, attorney general for the Philippines; Senor Jose Near, prosecuting attorney, and Senor Tomas del Rosario. The smallest number of votes received by any candidate was 80.

The Philippine commission has appointed H. Phelps Whitmarsh governor and Otto Scherer secretary of the province of Benguet.

Thirty-nine priests, 17 of them belonging to the province of Bulacan, the strongest of the Tagal provinces, have signed and forwarded to the Philippine commission a paper proffering their submission and loyalty to its authority, adding that the promise is made voluntarily and without mental reservation. Judge Taft has replied, welcoming their assistance in the pacification of a people "over whom you will have so great an influence."

TROLLEY STILL TIED UP.

The Scranton Strikers Have Things Their Own Way.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 26.—Owing to the successful work of the scouts of the striking car men ten of the 13 men brought on from Syracuse to take their places were sent home yesterday, and two others were induced to quit and agree not to go back to work. One of them was willing to leave town, but refused to accept money from the strikers. He said he would walk every step to Syracuse before taking money out of the strikers' treasury. He also said he was told that there was no strike here and that if things were not satisfactory when he arrived he would be furnished his fare home. The twelfth man decided to stay and secure other work. The other man could not be corralled by the scouts. Three new men were brought in from Syracuse yesterday morning, but already two of them have been won over by the strikers. The other was kidnapped by a burly striker who was made overzealous by drink.

Only two cars were run in the whole county. One of these, on which Superintendent Patterson was motorman, ran off the track at 11 o'clock and was so badly damaged it had to be taken to the barn. No other car was sent to replace it, and at 1:30 the other of the two cars was taken in and hauled.

General Manager Silliman was not taken by the successes of the strikers in converting his recruits. He says he can get all the men he wants after the holidays, when the number of crews in other cities will be cut down and hundreds of men thrown idle.

UNITED STATES AHEAD.

Henceforth We May Be Regarded as the First Industrial Nation.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The Times' Vienna correspondent says: "Under the title 'European Economical Alliance' Paul Leroy Beaulieu in the Neuwesener Tagblatt, after reciting America's immense resources and growing population, says:

"They may henceforth be regarded as the first industrial nation, and their superiority will become strikingly evident year by year. The United States will, moreover, soon have a considerable mercantile marine. Americans are already accustomed to regard Europeans, more particularly continental, in about the same light as orientals, who vegetate in dreams of the past."

"He points out that European states individually are comparatively restricted as to markets and cannot carry a division of labor."

Hay-Panacote Treaty Passed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—After spending the greater part of the past fortnight in considering the Hay-Panacote treaty for the modification of the Clayton-Bulwer convention of 1850 the senate yesterday consumed only one hour and ten minutes in amending it and ratifying it as amended. During this time there were six roll calls and several viva voce votes. The first five of the roll calls were on amendments offered by individual senators and the last one on the resolution to ratify the treaty as amended. All the amendments except those offered by Senator Foraker and reported by the committee on foreign relations were voted down by majorities averaging about 19. The ratification resolution was adopted by a vote of 55 to 18.

A Charitable Mayor.

SALEM, Mass., Dec. 24.—Mayor Elect John F. Hurley of this city, pawnbroker and real estate dealer, has planned to give his salary of \$2,500 a year, which he is to receive beginning Jan. 1, for administering the affairs of the witch city to the poor. He will not hand over the money to a charitable institution, but will disburse the amount himself as fast as he earns it.

Veteran's Sudden Death.

SYRACUSE, Dec. 24.—Theodore L. Poole, United States marshal for the northern district of New York state and member of the Fifty-fourth congress from the Onondaga-Madison district from 1894 to 1896, was stricken with apoplexy yesterday morning at 8 o'clock as he attempted to rise from his bed and died immediately.

Santa Fe Strike Called Off.

HOUSTON, Dec. 22.—The strike of the telegraph operators on the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe was called off last night. The strike was inaugurated in Texas 15 days ago. No concessions were asked by the men or offered by the company as a preliminary to calling off the strike.

The Plague Deadly In India.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 26.—Lord Curzon of Kedleston, the viceroy of India, in the course of a speech said that since the appearance of the bubonic plague in 1895 25,000 deaths from the disease have occurred in the Mysore state.

SITUATION CRITICAL.

Position of Cape Colony Hangs In the Balance.

DUTCH ON THE VERGE OF REBELLION.

General Kitchener Has Arrived at De Aar and Is Taking Prompt Measures to Stem the Tide of the Boer Invasion.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—A Cape Town dispatch says that the regular railway service between Cape Town and De Aar has been restored. The report of the destruction of a bridge south of De Aar turns out to be incorrect. Only a culvert was damaged. Trains are running from De Aar to Kimberley irregularly. There are considerable delays elsewhere as the result of heavy rains.

The position of Cape Colony is hanging in the balance. According to The Morning Post's Cape Town correspondent everything depends upon the quantity of ammunition in possession of the disloyal Dutch residents, 1,500 of whom have joined the Boers in the Philippstown district alone. Energetic measures have been taken to stem the invasion, but there is unquestionably danger that parties of Boers will get through into parts of the colony and gradually raise the whole Cape into rebellion. Re-enforcements can arrive none too soon.

Most of the dispatches from Cape Town, however, describe the raiders as doing little harm and as being rapidly inclosed by Lord Kitchener's combination. Lord Kitchener is in the heart of the disaffected districts. He has the advantage of being personally acquainted with local conditions. Last March he supervised the suppression of the rising which occurred then. He is bringing down thousands of troops from the north.

The Standard's Cape Town correspondent says the loyalists demand that martial law shall be proclaimed throughout Cape Colony, but adds, "Such a step is now impossible, owing to the lack of sufficient troops to enforce it."

The correspondent of The Daily Mail at Cape Town says:

"The pro-Boer press are singularly quiet. They have been made uneasy by the promptness and thoroughness of the military action, but reports from various parts of the western province foreshadow perilous possibilities."

"A responsible colonist who recently made a tour of the colony declares that 90 per cent of the Dutch are simply waiting for the appearance of a resourceful leader to rebel."

Civil railway traffic has been suspended largely in all parts of the colony, and the movements of both the Boers and the British are almost unknown in Cape Town. It appears that one Boer column attacked Steynsburg, but was repulsed and fled, intrenching itself in the mountains. Another Boer commando captured a party of police at Venterstad. Mounted colonial troops surprised 300 Boers 15 miles from Burgersdorp Dec. 23 and after a brisk interchange of volleys retired with a loss of two men.

Lord Kitchener, telegraphing to the war office under date of Naaukopoot, Dec. 24, reports:

"Thornycroft's mounted infantry have occupied Britstown without opposition. The Boers retired to the north in the direction of Prieska. They will be followed up."

A dispatch from Durban to a news agency here announces that the Cape to Cairo telegraph line is now in operation to a point 50 miles north of Kasanga and a hundred miles beyond the southern end of Lake Tanganyika.

The important news from South Africa is the arrival of General Kitchener at De Aar, where, it is stated, he is taking measures to crush the Boer invasion of Cape Colony.

The Nebraska Senators.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 24.—Assistant Secretary of War George D. Melkhejohann has arrived in Lincoln to assume personal management of his canvass for a seat in the United States senate. The Nebraska legislature, which convenes on the first of the new year, will have two senators to elect, a successor to John M. Thurston and one to fill the vacancy caused by the death of M. L. Hayward, which is being filled at present by William V. Allen by appointment of the governor. Both houses of the legislature are Republican, but the majority is small in both branches.

There are a dozen candidates for the vacant seats, the more prominent aside from Mr. Melkhejohann being Edward Rosewater and Congressman Mercer of Omaha, former Congressman Halmer of Aurora, L. D. Richards of Fremont, E. H. Hinshaw of Fairbury and former Governor Lorenzo Crounse of Fort Calhoun, himself a member of the state senate.

Congress Takes a Recess.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—No business was transacted by the senate yesterday. The news of the death of Mrs. William P. Frye, wife of the president pro tem. of the senate, was conveyed officially to the body, and out of respect to her memory immediate adjournment was taken until Jan. 3, 1901. The house was in session 25 minutes, transacting some minor business. The news of the death of Representative Wise of Virginia was announced, and a committee of 17 was appointed to attend the funeral. Adjournment was ordered until Jan. 3, 1901.

Large Shipment of Cattle.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—A special to The Record from Flora, Ill., says: "The largest shipment of cattle from southern Illinois and probably from the state of Illinois within recent years left this city on a special train of 27 cars over the B. & O. S. W. railway for New York, whence they will go direct to Liverpool. The trainload of cattle, which numbers over 400 head and is sent by one shipper, represents a market value slightly in excess of \$40,000."

Captured an Eagle.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Willis Ryan, a farmer of Clayville, Ulster county, has a golden eagle captive in his barn. He caught the bird stealing his chickens last week and captured it alive. It measures six feet, eight inches between the tips of its wings and is said to be a very rare specimen in this country.

Dr. Wise Dismissed.

ALBANY, Dec. 21.—Governor Roosevelt announced last evening that he had dismissed from office Dr. Peter M. Wise, president of the state commission in lunacy, on the charges preferred of malfeasance in office.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Notable Events of the Week Briefly and tersely Told.

Important clues were found to the Cudahy kidnapers. Further discoveries of rich quartz mines have been made in the Klondike district. Chief of Police Devery of the New York police is said to be about to resign. St. Petersburg papers approve the action of the senate in amending the Hay-Panacote treaty.

The steamer State of Nebraska, which docked at New York, lost lifeboats and sustained other damage during her protracted trip from Glasgow.

Tuesday, Dec. 25.

Andrew Carnegie announced a gift of \$20,000 for a library building for Tuskegee institute.

Many boats were lost and at least 22 fishermen drowned in the recent gales that swept over the Shetland islands.

Louis F. Payn, former superintendent of the New York state insurance department, and Miss Marion K. Heath were married in Albany.

The torpedo boat destroyer Macdonough was successfully launched at the yard of the Fore River Engine works, West Braintree, Mass.

There was another severe shock of earthquake at Santiago, Cuba, which caused considerable of a panic in the poorer quarters of the city.

Burglars made an unsuccessful attempt to open a large safe in the office of a Trower Bros., live stock commission merchants, at the Kansas City stockyards, by using electricity.

Monday, Dec. 24.

Fire partially gutted The Chronicle newspaper building in Halifax, causing a loss of \$8,000.

A movement is on foot for a great national religious revival at the opening of the new century.

The electric trolley system is rapidly displacing the storage battery system on the busiest streets of Berlin.

The Rev. David Whitney Thurston, one of the oldest Methodist preachers in New York, died in Syracuse.

A strike of electric railway men was ordered at Scranton, Pa., and the whole Wyoming valley was completely tied up.

Saturday, Dec. 22.

The gunboat Annapolis grounded near Norfolk.

Dr. Richard A. Wise, M. C., died at Norfolk.

Immigration for the calendar year will reach about 400,000.

Mrs. W. P. Frye, wife of the Maine senator, died in Washington.

Philip D. Armour, head of Armour & Co., was reported seriously ill in Chicago.

The proposed national home for aged Elks will probably be located at Colorado Springs.

Some 150,000 French-Canadians are expected to leave New England for their native land.

A motion to propose arbitration for the Boers was defeated by one vote in the Hesse-Cassel chamber.

Vere Foster, who for 50 years had assisted in the emigration of women from Ireland, died at Belfast.

Friday, Dec. 21.

The Kentucky arrived at Port Said. More anti-foreign outbreaks were predicted in China.

Clyde shipbuilders have ordered 150,000 tons of steel plates from the United States.

It was said in Duluth that Archbishop Ireland will visit Cuba at the request of the president.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to rob the Nebraska state treasury in the capitol at Lincoln.

The closing argument in the Porto Rico Philippine cases was made before the United States supreme court.

Councilor of Commerce Sanden has been arrested at Potsdam in connection with the Prussian Hypothek Aktien bank's troubles.

Thursday, Dec. 20.

Ex-President Kruger visited Amsterdam.

The strike of dock laborers at Callao, the port of Lima, has ended.

The French chamber of deputies passed the amnesty bill by a vote of 158 to 2.

Diplomatic relations between Turkey and the United States have been restored.

The funeral services of John Addison Porter, former secretary to the president, were held in New Haven.

The French government has offered the cross of the Legion of Honor to Lieutenant W. S. Sims, former United States naval attaché at Paris.

Manchester Out of Debt.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.—The Duke of Manchester's debts in his native land have been paid. His three castles and his 27,000 acres of unproductive land are no longer weighted with 100 U. S. in-laws. These facts are practically admitted by Eugene Zimmerman, father-in-law of the duke. In all 130,000 good American dollars were deposited in London last Friday to cover and liquidate the indebtedness of the bankrupt duke.

His grace at the early age of 23 can now begin life anew. As to just where the money came from Mr. Zimmerman is not so free in expressing himself. But in his reluctance there appears to be more of the natural cynicism of a father-in-law in touching upon the personal affairs of a prized son-in-law than anything else.

Frye to Wed a Cuban.

HAVANA, Dec. 21.—Mr. Alexis E. Frye, superintendent of Cuban schools, who will be married on New Year's day to Senorita Maria Teresa Arruabarrena, a schoolteacher of Cardenas, has issued an appeal to the Cuban people urging them in the spirit of the New Year, the new century and of his marriage with a Cuban to drop the sentiment of hatred of Spain in the Cuban hymn and to substitute for the words "Not afraid of the Spanish tyrant" the words "Not afraid of the government of strangers." Senorita Arruabarrena will issue 100,000 copies of the hymn containing the new words on the wedding day.

Russian Loan Declined.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—"Russia offered Romania a loan of 16,000,000," says the Vienna correspondent of The Daily Express, "to assist her in the financial crisis, but the offer was declined because there were conditions attached undermining Romanian independence."

Town Badly Scorched.

ST. JOSEPH, Mich., Dec. 23.—A destructive fire in Eau Claire, 15 miles east of this city, resulted in reducing half the business section into ashes. Total loss, \$50,000; partly insured.

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Tommy—Pop, what is surplus cash?
Tommy's Pop—"There isn't any such thing. Don't ask idiotic questions."

SAD END OF A KING.

Theodore of Corsica Died in Abject Poverty in London.

Lost His Dominions Like Mr. Kruger, and Also His Castle—His Epitaph Composed by Horace Walpole, His Friend.

Mr. Kruger has lost his country, but, according to all accounts, he is scarcely likely to see the inside of a debtors' prison and die penniless.

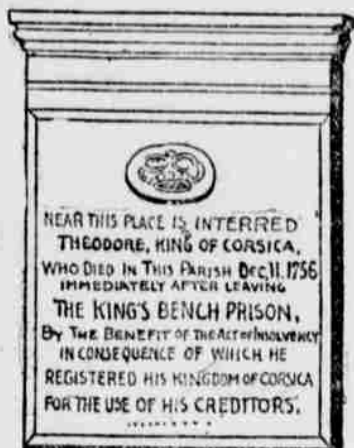
Such a fate befell a less fortunate monarch whose tombstone still stands in the God's acre which surrounds the Parish church of St. Anne, Soho, London.

King Theodore of Corsica was born at Metz in 1696. Invited by the general assembly of the Corsicans to become their king, he was duly crowned in 1736, but few years sufficed to exhaust his personal wealth. After appointing a regency of 30 nobles to manage the state in his absence, he commenced a pilgrimage of solicitation to obtain foreign aid and money to support his rank and style as king of Corsica.

He was more or less hospitably received in several courts, but the prime object of his mission was not achieved. Arriving in England at last, he was referred to the admiral of the Mediterranean fleet, who would aid him by order of the home government. But when King Theodore learned that his landing would be opposed, he returned to England.

Having borrowed on the continent where and when opportunity presented itself, he laid himself open to the wiles of the Genoese nobles, who were ever scheming and plotting against him. He was arrested for a debt of 5,000 florins in Amsterdam and thrown into prison, but subsequently released by a subscription being raised by Jews and foreigners to liquidate his debt. A Spanish Jew advanced him 12,000 florins, and in 1738 he successfully attempted a landing in Corsica.

Back again to England, where he received considerable sympathy and support, he was again seized for debt and cast into the King's Bench prison. In prison he affected as regal a state of demeanor as his surround-



OLD MEMORIAL STONE.
(Dedicated to King Theodore of Corsica, Who Died a Pauper.)

ings allowed, and received his various visitors with an amount of pomp and ceremony rather ludicrous and pathetic. Here he remained until he was released on his surrendering his kingdom for the benefit of his creditors. On his release he took a chair to the house of the Portuguese minister, but, being away from home, and King Theodore not having the wherewithal to pay for his conveyance, requested the chairman to carry him to the house of a tailor in Soho, which was done. The man of scissors and cloth paid the fare and gave the pauper king shelter. Theodore was taken ill the next day, and died three days later without a sixpence in his pocket.

Horace Walpole, who had done him many acts of kindness during his life, raised a subscription to bury him, and composed his epitaph. Smollett describes his person and character in Ferdinand Count Fathom.

The original mural tablet, of which an illustration is given on this page, has been made more imposing by the addition of a many-membered molding.

The inscription reads: "Near this place is interred Theodore, King of Corsica, who died in this parish Dec. 11, 1756, immediately after leaving the King's Bench Prison. By the benefit of the act of insolvency in consequence of which he registered his kingdom of Corsica for the use of his creditors."

"The grave, great teacher to a level brings Heroes and beggars, galleys slaves and kings. But Theodore learned this moral e'er dead: Fate pour'd its lessons on his living head: Bestow'd a kingdom and denied him bread."

Under this monument is one to William Hazlitt, who also finds a resting place in the churchyard.

He Sees Through His Nose.
There is living in Paris to-day a man blind from his birth, who claims to be able to see through his nose. The severest tests have been applied, with the result that the most skeptical are convinced that the man's eyes are absolutely sightless and that he can distinguish objects by some means inexplicable on any other hypothesis than the one claimed. There are recorded instances of a similarly unaccountable gift of sight. A treatise by a German scientist, Johann Zahn, published at Nuremberg in 1702, gives a well-authenticated account of a man who had permanently lost the sight of both eyes and yet had acquired the power of seeing through his nose.

ROGER WOLCOTT'S DEATH.

Massachusetts' Former Governor Passes Away.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Former Governor Roger Wolcott died at his residence on Commonwealth avenue late yesterday afternoon. He became ill with typhoid fever several weeks ago.

Roger Wolcott was born in Boston July 13, 1847, the son of J. Huntington and Cornelia Frothingham Wolcott. He is a descendant of the Roger Wolcott who was second in command in the expedition of Sir William Pepperell against Cape Breton in 1745, which resulted in the capture of Louisbourg.

Another ancestor was Oliver Wolcott, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Both of these Wolcotts were governors of Connecticut. One of his ancestors, on his mother's side, was active and prominent during the Revolutionary period as a member of the Charlestown committee of safety, and another took part in the Boston tea party.

Roger Wolcott was educated in Boston private schools and at Harvard university, from which he graduated in the



ROGER WOLCOTT.

class of 1870. In college he ranked high and was the choice of his classmates for orator. He was graduated from Harvard Law school in 1874 and was admitted to the Suffolk bar in the same year. He practiced but little, however, his time having been largely occupied by his duties as trustee of various estates and in the management of financial matters.

Governor Wolcott's public career began in 1877 as a member of the Boston common council, in which he served three years. Then he was elected to the lower house of the legislature, where he served from 1882 to 1884, taking a position among the leaders and winning distinction as a hard and trustworthy worker.

He was elected lieutenant governor in 1893, 1894 and 1895 and upon the death of Governor Greenhalge became acting governor in 1896. In the fall of 1896 he was chosen governor, and in 1897 and 1898 he was re-elected.

Shortly after the resignation of General William F. Draper as ambassador to Italy in 1900 President McKinley tendered the post to Mr. Wolcott. The offer was declined on account of the pressure of private business affairs.

On Sept. 2, 1874, Mr. Wolcott was married to Miss Edith Prescott, granddaughter of William H. Prescott, the historian, and great-granddaughter of Colonel William Prescott, who commanded the provincials at the battle of Bunker Hill. They have four sons and one daughter now living.

GARDINER HAD TO GO.

Roosevelt Took Prompt Action in Case of District Attorney.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Governor Roosevelt's prompt and summary action in the case of Asa Bird Gardiner was an eye-opener for the Tammany braves. The hearing Saturday at Albany occupied scarcely eight hours, and late in the evening the governor announced the removal of Croker's district attorney and the appointment of Eugene A. Philbin to succeed Colonel Gardiner. Mr. Philbin is the senior partner of the firm of Philbin, Beekman & Menken. Mr. Beekman, who was a justice of the supreme court, died a few days ago. Mr. Philbin is a member of the Reform club, a Gold Democrat and an opponent of Crokerism. He is the opposite of all that Gardiner has represented in the political life of the city.

When the hearing was ended at 7 o'clock Saturday night, the belief was general that a case had been made out against Gardiner and that he had been proved guilty of sympathy at least with Chief Devere's open incitement to riot at the recent election. His failure to help Mr. Hammond in the speedy prosecution of election offenders was made so clear that all who heard the testimony felt that there would be a new district attorney named for New York.

Fire in a Mine Checked at Last.
TAMAQUA, Pa., Dec. 24.—The officials of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company are jubilant over the fact that the fire in the celebrated burning mine at Summit Hill, which started 42 years ago, is now under control, and it is said that the next two years will see its extinguishment. The fire, which has consumed about 25 acres of the finest coal land in the anthracite coal region, has moved westward toward Lansford. Two immense drilling machines which have been constantly probing for the fire have now honeycombed the earth to the west of the burning portion. Culm is being poured into these holes, and a solid mass will thus confront the fire.

Auditor Morris Shot.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Frank H. Morris of Ohio, auditor of the war department, was shot and instantly killed about 2:10 o'clock Saturday afternoon by Samuel MacDonald, also of Ohio, recently a disbursing clerk of the treasury. In the former's office at the Windsor building on Seventeenth street, MacDonald afterward shot himself and also slashed his throat with a penknife.

Consul General Stows Back.
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—J. G. Stowe, consul general of the United States to South Africa, with headquarters at Cape Town, arrived here on his vacation on the new Red Star liner Vandaland. He has not been in America for three years and left for his home in Kansas City in order to spend Christmas with his family, who left Cape Town in June last.

Crusader Contract Signed.
CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 26.—The contract for the purchase of a cruiser for Turkey was signed yesterday by the minister of marine, Hassan Pasha, and General Williams, representing the Cramps of Philadelphia.

A Question of Phrase.

"All I want is what is my own," said the man who loves a sounding phrase.
"No," said Senator Sorghum, kindly but firmly, "you misstate the proposition. It is merely a slight confusion of tenses. That's what we all say, but what we mean in our hearts is that all we want is what will be ours if we can manage to get possession of it."—Washington Star.

Teacher Didn't Know.

"My teacher doesn't know much!" cried the inevitable little brother, as he burst into the parlor where his grown-up sister was entertaining Mr. Blank on a recent evening.

"Why, Archie?" was the very natural question his sister asked, and now she wishes she hadn't.

"Cuz I ast him wot made you an' Mr. Blank set so close 't'gether on hot nites; 'nen he lat luffed an' c'dn't tell me."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Its Element of Horror.

"I'm sorry I read that story," exclaimed Mr. Puer, throwing down the borrowed book in disgust. "It's a tragedy!"

"Doesn't the hero marry the heroine in the last chapter?" asked Mrs. Puer.

"Yes, but it costs him his fortune!"—Chicago Tribune.

The profit of a gold mine depends, not on the amount of rock crushed under the stamps, but upon the amount of gold which can be extracted from the rock. In a similar way the value of the food which is eaten does not depend on the quantity which is taken into the stomach, but upon the nourishment extracted from it by the organs of nutrition and digestion. When these organs are diseased they fail to extract the nourishment in sufficient quantities to supply the needs of the several organs of the body, and these organs cannot work without nourishment. The result is heart "trouble," liver "trouble," and many other ailments. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, acting on every organ of the digestive and nutritive system, restores it to health and vigor. It cures diseases remote from the stomach through the stomach in which they originated. "Golden Medical Discovery" contains neither alcohol nor narcotics.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Levari Facias, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, Pennsylvania, and to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale, at the Court House, in Bloomsburg, County and State aforesaid, on

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1901,

at two o'clock p. m., all that certain message and lot of land, situated in Orangeville, in the County of Columbia and State of Pennsylvania, aforesaid, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a post, on Main street, and running thence along said street, south thirty-one degrees west, four and one-fourth perches to a post; thence by lot of Jacob Harman, now Catharine Slough, south sixty degrees west eight perches to a post; thence by other land of said Catharine Slough north thirty-one and one-half degrees east, four and one-quarter perches to a post; thence by land of James B. Harman north sixty degrees west, eight perches to the place of beginning, containing

34 SQUARE PERCHES,

be the same more or less, and being the same premises which Sarah E. Purcell, by deed, dated the 20th day of January, A. D. 1897, for the consideration therein mentioned, conveyed to M. L. Kline, party of the first part hereto, this mortgage, being given to secure the payment of the purchase money, whereon are erected a

FRAME DWELLING HOUSE,

barn and outbuildings. Seized, taken in execution, at the suit of Ella G. Turner, trustee, assignee of Silas Conner, vs. M. L. Kline, and to be sold as the property of M. L. Kline.

W. W. BLACK, Sheriff.
POWELL AND McKILLIP, ATTYS.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

ESTATE OF MARY ANN COX, LATE OF MADISON TOWNSHIP, DECEASED.
The undersigned appointed an auditor by the Orphans' Court of Columbia county to make distribution of the fund in the hands of L. R. Jacoby, administrator, as shown by his first and final account, will sit at the office of W. A. Evert, Esq., in Bloomsburg, Pa., on Friday, January 4, 1901, at one o'clock in the afternoon, to attend to the duties of his appointment, when and where all parties interested in said estate must appear or be forever debarred from coming in on said fund.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1901,

at two o'clock p. m., all that certain lot of ground, situated in Shuman's Addition to the Town of Catawissa, in the Township of Catawissa, in said County of Columbia, bounded and described as follows, to wit: On the east by land of said Franklin L. Shuman one hundred and fifty feet, on the north by an alley forty feet, on the south by Mill street, in said town, forty feet, being lot No. 84, in said addition, as laid out and surveyed in a plot or draft made by Samuel Seyhard, on which are erected a two-story

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and other outbuildings.

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W. W. BLACK, SHERIFF.
RHAWN, HERRING AND SMALL, ATTYS.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH YOST, LATE OF LOCUST TOWNSHIP, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Elizabeth Yost, widow of Herman Yost, late of Locust Township, Columbia County, Pa., deceased, have been granted to W. D. Osman, of Shuman, Pa., to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to

WM. D. OSMAN, Executor.
311 West Chestnut St.,
Shamokin, Pa.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

ESTATE OF DELLAH CRAMER, LATE OF BLOOMSBURG, PA., DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of Dellah Cramer, late of the Town of Bloomsburg, Pa., deceased, have been granted to Joseph Cramer, resident of said town, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to

JOS. CRAMER, Executor.
11-15-00
OF TO JOHN G. HARMAN, ATTYS.

EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE.

ESTATE OF PETER S. HARMAN, LATE OF BLOOMSBURG, PA., DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of Peter S. Harman, late of Bloomsburg, Pa., deceased, have been granted to Rebecca Harman, resident of said town, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to

REBECCA HARMAN, Executrix.
11-15-00
OF TO JOHN G. HARMAN, ATTYS.

ELECTION NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the policy holders of the Briarbrook Farmers' Mutual Insurance company, of Lime Ridge, Pa., will be held at the hall of Centre square, No. 36, P. O. B., on Tuesday, January 8th, 1901, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 2 p. m., for the election of twelve directors to serve for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

12-20-00 H. H. BROWN, Sec'y.

ELECTION NOTICE.

A meeting of the stockholders of The Farmers National Bank of Bloomsburg, Pa., for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, will be held in the Directors' room of the Bank, on Tuesday, January 8, 1901, between the hours of ten and twelve a. m.

WM. H. HILDAY, Cashier.
12-20-00

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

ESTATE OF DANIEL JAMISON, late of Centre Township, Columbia County, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Daniel Jamison, late of Centre Township, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned administrator to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to

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J. H. Ertwine.
A NOTABLE SOCIAL EVENT.
Mr. Joe Heim, of Danville, and Miss Blanche Gross Wedded at High Noon Wednesday.

Wednesday, at high noon, merry wedding bells announced the marriage of two well known young people, which was celebrated at the home of the bride's parents on East Main Street, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gross, when their eldest daughter, Miss Blanche, was united in happy wedlock to Mr. Joe Heim, son of Julius Heim, of Danville. The event had been anticipated by the public for some time, owing to the social standing and popularity of the contracting parties, and it was therefore looked forward to with considerable interest.

The procession entered the parlor promptly at the appointed time, with three little girls, Misses Elsie and Grace Bloch, of Danville, and Miss Sylvia Gross, a sister of the bride, all charmingly attired, leading the way, and in an easy graceful fashion they tossed beautiful blushing flowers in the path of the bride and groom. The party proceeded to the center of the room, where, under a canopy of roses and smilax, the ceremony was performed by Rev. Adolph Meyer, of Danville. Miss Loti Boyer, of Plymouth, presided at the piano.

The bride was handsomely attired in white silk mull, trimmed with real lace and carried a bouquet of immaculate white roses.
Miss Gertrude Heim, a sister of the groom acted as the maid of honor. Her costume was point d'esprit over white tulle. The groom and best man, Gerald Gross, brother of the bride, were dressed in the customary black.

At the conclusion of the ceremony a sumptuous dinner was partaken of, which was prepared and served by Mrs. Dodson, cateress.

Excellent music was furnished by Mr. Charles Breen and Miss Mary Albert, and the guests made use of it by dancing.

The festivities were continued until six o'clock, when Mr. and Mrs. Heim took their departure over the D. L. & W. Railroad for a bridal tour. After their return they will take up their residence in Danville, where they will be "at home" to their friends.

Guests were present from many cities and towns.
The bride received many rare and beautiful gifts. One of the pleasing features of the occasion was the attractive house decorations. The entire interior presented an exquisite appearance.

DEATH OF JOSHUA FETTERMAN.
He Was One of Bloomsburg's Oldest Residents.—Death Follows a Paralytic Stroke.
Numbered among those who have passed from this care-encumbered existence is another of Bloomsburg's oldest residents, Joshua Fetterman. He had reached and passed the eighty-fifth anniversary, an age seldom attained by man in these days. Though up and about the house, and frequently on the streets, for brief periods at a time. Mr. Fetterman had been in poor health for many years. He was a victim of various complaints, chief among which were deafness and blindness. During the last two years, he had to be given constant attention but notwithstanding this his family had no idea that the end was so near. The first evidence that the death angel hovered near, appeared early Friday morning, when he was overcome by a paralytic stroke. Heavy breathing attracted Mrs. Fetterman's attention and investigating she found her husband unconscious. All possible aid was given him, but it was ruled otherwise and in two hours thereafter his eyes were sealed in death. Mr. Fetterman's exact age was eighty-five years, eleven months and one day.

Deceased was born in what is now Locust township, Columbia Co., Pa., January 20, 1815, son of George and Elizabeth (Soule) Fetterman. He was reared in Locust township, and assisted his father on the farm until seventeen years of age. He followed various pursuits until 1844 when he came to Bloomsburg to superintend the construction of the Iron Dale furnace, and here has since remained. He superintended them until 1881. In 1882 he was elected County Commissioner of Columbia county, which position he held for three years. Since then he may be said to have withdrawn from active labor, although he has superintended farming on a piece of land on the outskirts of Bloomsburg. He married in this county, August 25, 1844, Miss Rebecca Miller, of Columbia county, daughter of Henry and Catherine (Mosteller) Miller. To Mr. and Mrs. Fetterman six children were born, two of whom are living; Lizzie, wife of William Allen, of Bloomsburg, and Harriet, wife of J. C. Weigand, of Wilkes-Barre. The deceased are William H., who died at the age of four months; Rachel Alice, died at the age of one year and four months; Charles Miller, died aged six years and five months, and Frances M. died August 12, 1886, aged forty years. Deceased is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Hamilton Fisher, of Catawissa. Mr. Fetterman was a member of Bloomsburg Lodge, A. F. & A. M. The funeral took place from his late residence Monday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. M. E. McLinn, of the Lutheran church. Interment in Rosemont Cemetery.

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A watch meeting will be held in St. Paul's Church on New Year's eve, beginning at 11:30 o'clock.

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A new year's social will be held in the Y. M. C. A. building Jan. 1, at eight o'clock in the evening.

The Wellersville Postoffice is no more. The establishment of the free delivery in that section is the cause of its abandonment.

Dr. J. C. Reitsnyder, who arrived home last week from the Philippines has been appointed a surgeon at West Point Academy. At the expiration of his leave of absence he will report at that place.

If you want drugs or patent medicines of any kind go to Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

The dance in Evans' Hall on Wednesday evening, was a success. The attendance was good, the hall prettily draped, and the music by Fiske's orchestra, of Williamsport, was delightful. About fifty couples were present, and the amount realized for the public library fund will be between thirty and forty dollars, after paying all expenses.

Death of Harry Chamberlin.
Harry B. Chamberlin, died suddenly at the Eagle Hotel, Bethlehem, Friday evening. The announcement of the occurrence was received with profound sorrow by the many friends of the young man in this town. He had not been ill. He was at his post of duty, as chief clerk of the above named hotel, which is conducted by his aunt Mrs. Hoppes. He made no complaints, but was taken suddenly ill, the supposition is, with heart disease, and before he could be removed to his room, expired. The sad news was conveyed to his brother Silas Chamberlin, of this town by a telegram Saturday morning. Harry was held in high esteem by all who knew him, and as the news was whispered from one to another of his acquaintances, they were deeply touched. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mills C. Chamberlin, and was born and reared to manhood in Bloomsburg. He was about thirty-eight years of age and unmarried. The remains were brought to Bloomsburg over the Reading Railroad Monday afternoon. Interment was made in Rosemont Cemetery. Rev. W. M. Frysinger, of the Methodist church, conducted a short service over the remains at the grave.

Calendars.
For some unexplained reason the Calendars for 1901, which we ordered some time ago, have not arrived. They are expected soon, and one will be given to every subscriber in arrears who pays for a year or more. Those who have paid in advance can get one by calling at the office. We shall have none for general distribution, except to our patrons.

F. P. Davis, of Mt. Pleasant, has been appointed general agent for Columbia County, by the Lackawanna Fertilizer & Chemical Co., of Moosic. He handles a good article, and all orders will receive prompt attention. His postoffice address is Bloomsburg. 2t

EAST BENTON.
Michael Beishline, of Bendertown, died a week ago last Tuesday, and was buried at New Columbus on the following Thursday, aged 77 years, 5 months and a few days. He has been in failing health for a year or more back, but the wear and tear of his physical condition, by continued and industrial habits, contributed more to the termination of a long life than from the causes of disease. He was well known and highly respected. He was a mason by trade.

Nathan Dreisbach, of Jonestown, is the oldest man in eastern Fishing-creek, and probably the oldest man in the township. He is climbing up pretty well in the eighties, and is hale and hearty, and bids fair to become a centenarian.

Benton, for an inland town, is a very busy mart. It is in reality a hive, not only of industry, but of mercantile importance, second to none of our larger towns. A casual observer, or an occasional visitor, cannot otherwise than be struck with the appearance on the streets and sidewalks of throngs of people who come there to trade. It is a beautiful town, inhabited by a thrifty and industrious people, and it is the abode of all classes, trades and professions. For the progress of the town Benton owes much to the *Argus*, which always advocated measures to boom the place.

The most beautiful weather for the closing days of December, or the holiday season, seems to prevail in our locality. The condition of the weather, roads, and all things else considered, it is far preferable to snow. It is a most delightful season.

We have no news to report from the copper plant, up the creek, but we hope the enterprise will prove very successful to those engaged in it. It would boom the up-creek country 'till everything jingled.

Looking back three or four decades, great changes are noticeable. Those neighbors we had then are gone; those merchants with whom we dealt are here no more. All around us are new neighbors, new merchants, new business men, new professional men, and all things else changed. Behold! Old acquaintances have passed away, and new acquaintances have taken their places.

The monotony of country life affords but few opportunities for news-gatherers.

We hear it rumored that a bear prowls the country of the Raven-creek valley. Sometimes boys get frightened, and raise spook and bear stories, and sometimes a "quill" even puts them to flight.

From observation we learn that bugs of all species and descriptions lie dormant and inactive during the winter season, except the humbug. This bug is an American favorite, and invades the credulity of all classes, and at all seasons of the year. Oh, no, the American people will never dispense with this pet bug—the everlasting and notorious humbug.

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Black Kersey Jacket; high rolling collar, lined with extra quality satin, stitched edges, pearl buttons. Reduced from \$10.00 to \$7.50.
Tan Kersey Jackets; lined with guaranteed satin, of same color, strapped seams, stitched around edge, fancy stitched lapels on collar, fine pearl buttons. Reduced from \$12.50 to \$8.95.
We'll Fit Your Form.
Ladies' Suits.
Black Cheviot Suit, jacket silk lined; skirt lined with percaline, seams on jacket and skirt strapped with satin and stitched. Reduced from \$22.00 to \$17.00.
Black Cheviot Suit, jacket and skirt both lined with silk. Reduced from \$25.00 to \$17.00.
Black Cheviot Suits, jacket lined with silk, skirt percaline lined. Reduced from \$15.00 to \$10.00.
Black and colored suits, in many sizes and shapes. Reduced from \$7.50 and \$10.00 to \$4.95 and \$5.95.
Week
Before the New Year will be a week of remarkable price cutting of all ladies', misses', and children's Capes, Coats, Jackets.
AT HARTMAN'S.
We'll Price Them So you'll buy them Capes.
Golf Capes reduced from \$7.50 to \$5.00, down to \$3.00 and 75c. Plush Capes reduced from \$11.00 and \$12.00 to \$8.50. Plush Capes, new lot just received, at special prices. Worth \$6.50 to \$7.50, now \$4.50 and \$5.00.
Children's Coats.
Everything reduced to prices that will sell them. \$1.50 to \$7.50 for coats that have been \$1.98 to \$10.00.
Furs.
Muffs, collars and collarettes, go at the cut prices for this sale.

A lot of ladies' Coats, children's long and short Coats, that were carried over from last season, are on a special table, at 98c. for your choice.

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THE MYSTERY OF HAIL.
Nobody Really Knows How These Frozen Globules Are Formed.
Hail is a mystery. Nobody knows how it is formed, though there are several theories. A hailstone is made like an onion, of a series of concentric coats. These coats of ice are apparently put on in succession by repeated freezings, but in what manner is unknown.
One notion suggested is that the frozen raindrop, which is the nucleus is alternately attracted and repelled through opposing storm clouds of positive and negative electrification respectively, and that it gradually increases in size as it is carried to and fro, and continually takes on freezing coats of moisture.
Another theory is that the particles of hail are carried in a sort of giant whirl, first aloft and then downward, as portions of cumulus clouds are sometimes seen to move, and that they gather successive coats of moisture at the lower levels and convert them into ice in the frigid strata of the higher atmosphere.
Extraordinary conditions must be required to account for the formation of the huge hailstones which sometimes fall, occasional specimens actually reaching the size of hens' eggs.
A number of years ago a storm of this kind destroyed \$1,000,000 worth of glass in the city of Philadelphia, and many persons were severely hurt by the larger stones—veritable projectiles of ice—which dropped from the skies.
Sometimes hailstones assume strange and irregular forms, which is perhaps due to the joining of two or more of

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AUDITOR'S NOTICE.
ESTATE OF WM. GIGHER, LATE OF BLOOMSBURG, PA., DECEASED.
The undersigned Auditor, appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia County, Pa., to pass upon exceptions, and to distribute the fund to and among the parties entitled thereto, will sit, at the office of Grant Herring, Esq., in the Town of Bloomsburg, Pa., on Friday, January 25, 1901, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to attend to the duties of his appointment, when and where all parties interested in said estate must appear, or be forever debarred from coming in on said fund.
T. J. VANDERSLICE, Auditor.
12-27-01.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.
ESTATE OF SARAHANN HUNT, LATE OF THE BOROUGH OF BETHLEHEM, DECEASED.
The undersigned Auditor, appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia County, Pa., to pass upon exceptions, and to distribute the fund to and among the parties entitled thereto, will sit, at the office of W. H. Hahn, Esq., in Catawissa, Pa., on Tuesday, January 23, 1901, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to attend to the duties of his appointment, when and where all parties interested in said estate must appear, or be forever debarred from coming in on said fund.
JOHN G. FINKEL, Auditor.
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